

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
VICTORIA DIVISION**

STATE OF TEXAS; STATE OF LOUISIANA, <i>Plaintiffs,</i> v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Defendants.</i>	Case No. 6:21-cv-16
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PLAINTIFFS’ OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO FILE REPLY

Texas and Louisiana oppose Defendants’ attempt to further delay resolution of this case. The parties agreed to file simultaneous post-trial briefs, followed by simultaneous responses to “close any post-trial briefing”—with no replies. ECF 214. The Court adopted this briefing schedule that would close on April 1. ECF 218.

Plaintiffs—who sought preliminary relief that was consolidated into the bench trial—are irreparably harmed each day resolution of this case is delayed. That trial was originally set to begin on February 1. ECF 140. But Defendants delayed that to February 23. 01/25/2022 Minute Entry.

Defendants recently requested to extend the deadline for final briefs to April 6, which Plaintiffs agreed to. ECF 227, 228. But introducing another round of briefing—when the parties agreed to forgo replies, despite knowing that either side would be giving up the ability to respond to any points raised in the responses—is unwarranted.

Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court deny Defendants’ motion for leave.

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